

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

The optical modulator includes an optical waveguide for receiving light entered from a first end surface thereof and for emitting the light from a second end surface opposing to the first end surface, a flexible light transmitting member disposed so as to face with a boundary surface of the optical waveguide and has a gap between the flexible light transmitting member and the boundary surface of the optical waveguide and a modulation device for bringing the flexible light transmitting member into contact with the boundary surface of the optical waveguide. The image recording apparatus includes the above exposure head and a scanning device for relatively moving a photosensitive material and the exposure head.